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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED Information			

CB - converted boxcar; B - boxcar;
 F - flatcar; SSy - heavy-duty flatcar;
 RRym)

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1. Troop trains from Magdeburg toward Stendal on 11 September 1954 included a train of 7 CB with officers and soldiers wearing black collar patches, 11 F, each with a large engineer boat similar to the N2P-type steel pontoon, and 19 F with trucks; and another train of 8 CB with soldiers wearing black collar patches, 12 F, each with a large engineer boat similar to the N2P-type steel pontoon, 6 F with light artillery pieces of about 20 mm, and 14 F with motor vehicles, including special vehicles. 1
 Between 25 August and 21 September, no other troop trains were observed at the Magdeburg-Rothensee railroad station.
2. On 19 September, two troop trains went from Frankfurt/Oder to Guben. The first train consisted of 8 boxcars with soldiers, an undetermined number of flatcars with 6 T-34/85 tanks and 20 armored personnel carriers; the second train consisted of 8 boxcars with soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars with 4 x 80-mm AT guns and 40 trucks. 2

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troop trains between
 10 and 23 September:

Date in Composition of
September Troop Trains

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10	9 CB, 2 B, 27 F, 1 RRym 761 tons	Neubukow	Dallgow
	8 CB, 12 F, 9 SSy, 3 RRym 580 tons	"	"
13	7 CB, 2 B, 49 F 768 tons	Schwerin	Tangerhuetten

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14	3 CB, 1 B, 12 F 306 tons	Kroepelin	Magdeburg- Brueckfeld
17	3 CB, 2 B, 14 F, 1 RRym 340 tons	"	Kuestrin- Kietz
18	8 CB, 1 B, 19 F 713 tons	Schwerin	Dranse
19	2 CB, 3 B, 27 F 659 tons	Neubukow	Dresden- Klotzsche
20	6 CB, 2 B, 12 F, 8 RRym	"	Werneuchen
	5 CB, 2 B, 11 F	"	Ellerholz
	10 CB, 4 B, 25 F, 2 SSy, 2 RRym 882 tons	"	Dranse
	6 CB, 3 B, 18 F, 1 RRym 485 tons	Kroepelin	"
21	4 CB, 1 B, 15 F 453 tons	Neubukow	Velten
	4 CB, 1 B, 20 F 442 tons	"	Magdeburg
22	8 CB, 1 B, 27 F	Dranse	Schwerin
	6 CB, 1 F, 14 RRym	Netzeband	Dallgow
	5 CB, 1 F, 12 RRym	"	"
	3 CB, 3 B, 19 F	Neubukow	Wuensdorf
23	6 CB, 1 F/S, 13 RRym	Netzeband	Dallgow
	6 CB, 18 F, 16 RRym	"	"
	1 F, 16 RRym	"	"
	4 CB, 1 F, 15 RRym	"	"
	4 CB, 1 F, 16 RRym	"	"
	4 CB, 1 F, 16 RRym	"	"
	3 CB, 1 F, 10 RRym	"	"

4. On 23 September, a troop train of 8 boxcars and 20 flatcars totalling 56 axles, carrying 435 tons [redacted] went from Neubukow to Wuensdorf. 2

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1. Comment. On 11 September 1954, engineer units moved from Sperenberg to Guesen on the troop trains [redacted]. The troop trains in the present report indicate a movement of additional engineer units to the Bittkau area on the western bank of the Elbe River. On 13 September 1954, an engineer unit of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps was probably dispatched from Schwerin to the Bittkau area.

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2. Comment. The troop trains probably carried elements of the 25th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div to field exercises. The entraining at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station was observed on 19 September 1954.
3. Comment. The troop trains indicate that a component of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div or IX Mtz Rifle Corps probably held combat firing practices at the Schweinrich troop training grounds between 18 and 22 September 1954.
4. Comment. The troop trains carried tank units of the 1st Mecz Div which returned to their home station after termination of the division fall maneuvers.
5. Comment. The departure of the following AAA units from the Wustrow AAA Range was observed between 10 and 22 September 1954:

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10 September. AAA units of the 1st Mecz Div from Doeberitz which moved to Wustrow on two troop trains on 17 July 1954.

14 September. Components of the 3rd Gds AAA Div from Magdeburg which arrived on two troop trains on 8 July 1954. The first contingent returned on a troop train on 27 August 1954.

17 September. Components of the 32d AAA Div from Kuestrin. The arrival has probably not been observed.

19 September. Components of the 4th Gds AAA Div from the Dresden-Koenigsstrueck area which arrived on two troop trains on 27 June 1954. The first contingent returned on a troop train on 29 August 1954.

20 September. An air force AAA unit from Werneuchen airfield which arrived on 11 July; another air force AAA unit from Ellerholz airfield which arrived on 12 July 1954; and AAA units of the 18th Mecz Div from the Schweinrich troop training grounds which arrived on 18 August 1954 on two troop trains.

21 September. Components of the 31st AAA Div from Velten, and components of the 3d Gds AAA Div from Magdeburg. The arrivals have probably not been observed.

22 September. Components of the 2d Gds AAA Div from Wuensdorf which arrived on 17 and 18 August 1954 on two troop trains.

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